

Appendix B.3 - The Fair Housing Initiatives Program

This section describes the Department's accomplishments in addressing the objectives of the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP).

A. Fair Housing Initiatives Program

Congress created the FHIP by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, and it became permanent in 1992. The primary goals of FHIP are to: (1) establish a network of experienced fair housing enforcement organizations throughout the country and (2) educate the public and the housing industry on their fair housing rights and responsibilities. By the end of FY 1997, over 200 organizations, supported by FHIP in approximately 30 states, supplemented the Department's efforts by their enforcement, voluntary compliance, education, and outreach activities. Moreover, FHIP funding has helped to establish 25 new organizations in 18 states.

Many recipients of FHIP funds are private, non-profit fair housing enforcement organizations. Other recipients are State and local governments, housing industry groups, and community-based organizations.

Since its inception, the Department has made nearly 600 awards for a total of more than \$100 million in grants. FHEO makes the awards on a competitive basis, selecting the most qualified applicants to implement programs in geographic areas with identifiable fair housing needs.

FY 1997 was a busy year for FHIP. The FHIP appropriation was \$15 million, which FHEO awarded through 67 grants. In making the awards, FHEO allocates the funds for work performed pursuant to three of the four distinct statutory classifications: (1) Education and Outreach, (2) Fair Housing Organizations, and (3) Private Enforcement. By these classifications, the 67 grants break down to nine for "Education and Outreach," 15 for "Fair Housing Organizations," and 33 for "Private Enforcement." The following chart lists FY 1997 FHIP grant recipients and the classifications for the funding they received.

Exhibit 1

FY 97 FHIP AWARDS

APPLICANT NAME	Contact Person	HUD REGION	AWARD AMOUNT
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH INITIATIVE - NATIONAL PROGRAM COMPONENT			
Tennessee Fair Housing Council 719 Thompson Lane, Suite 324 100 Oak Office Tower Nashville, TN 37204	Joel Emerson 615-383-6155	4	\$149,949
National Association of Homebuilders Research Center, Inc. 400 Prince Georges Boulevard Upper Marlboro, MD 20774	Liza Bowles 301-249-4000	3	\$103,746
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago 310 South Peoria, Suite 201 Chicago, IL 60607	Rosa Villarreal 312-226-5900	5	\$46,254 *(partial funding)
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH INITIATIVE - REGIONAL/LOCAL/COMMUNITY-BASED COMPONENT			
Housing Discrimination Project, Inc. 57 Suffolk Street Holyoke, MA 01040	Erin Kemple 413-539-9796	1	\$98,450
City of Savannah P.O. Box 1027 Savannah, GA 31402	Michael Brown 912-651-6415	4	\$78,010
Elizabeth City State University 1704 Weeksville Road Elizabeth City, NC 27909	Mickey Burnim 919-335-3220	4	\$100,000
Kentucky Commission on Human Rights 332 W. Broadway, 7th Floor Heyburn Building Louisville, KY 40202	Beverly Watts 502-595-4024	4	\$82,308
City of Memphis--Division of Housing 701 North Main Street Memphis, TN 38107	W.W. Herenton 901-576-6009	4	\$100,000
Metro Milwaukee Fair Housing Council 600 East Mason Street, Suite 401 Milwaukee, WI 53202	William Tisdale 414-278-1240	5	\$45,274 *(partial funding)
The Housing Advocates 3214 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115	Edward Kramer 216-391-5444	5	\$100,000
Illinois Department of Human Rights 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 10-100 Chicago, IL 60601	Rose Mary Bombela 312-814-6245	5	\$99,669

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Montana Fair Housing, Inc. 904A Kensington Avenue Missoula, MT 59801	Susan K. Fifield 406-542-2611	8	\$100,000
Seattle Office of Civil Rights 700 Third Avenue, Suite 250 Seattle, WA 98104	Germaine Covington 206-684-4513	10	\$96,305
Eugene, Springfield Community Housing Resource Board P.O. Box 10934 Eugene, OR 97440	Charles Ellis 541-343-1271	10	\$99,984
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH INITIATIVE - COMMUNITY TENSIONS COMPONENT			
West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc. 210 W. Main Street Jackson, TN 38302	J. Steven Xanthopoulos 901-426-1311	4	\$100,000
City of Parma 6611 Ridge Road Parma, OH 44129	Michael O'Malley 440-885-8132	5	\$ 80,331
Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. 100 N. La Salle Street, Suite 600 Chicago, IL 60602	Clyde Murphy 312-630-9744	5	\$ 98,230
Metro Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing 122 W. Franklin Avenue, #320 Minneapolis, MN 55404	Joy Navarre 612-871-8980	5	\$ 99,846
Arkansas ACORN Fair Housing 523 West 15th Street Little Rock, AR 72202	Lorraine Johnson 501-374-2114	6	\$100,000
PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE - MULTI YEAR COMPONENT			
New Hampshire Legal Assistance 1361 Elm Street, Suite 307 Manchester, NH 03101	John Tobin 603-644-5393	1	\$256,492
Connecticut Fair Housing Center, Inc. 221 Main Street, 2nd Floor Hartford, CT 06106	Denise Viera 860-247-4400	1	\$350,000
Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc. 700 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14202	Scott Gehl 716-854-1400	2	\$216,712
Fair Housing Council of Central New York, Inc. 327 W. Fayette Street Syracuse, NY 13202	Merrilee Witherell 315-471-0420	2	\$154,659

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Long Island Housing Services 1747 Veterans Memorial Hwy., Ste 42A Islandia, NY 11722	Samuel Miller 516-582-2727	2	\$350,000
Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia 225 S. Chester Road, Suite 1 Swarthmore, PA 19081	William Henderson 610-623-3164	3	\$349,999
Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh 7 Wood Street, Suite 402 Pittsburgh, PA 15222	Robert Pitts 412-371-4528	3	\$349,328
Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc. 1800 N. Broom Street, Suite 105 Electra Arms Apartment Building Wilmington, DE 19801	Gladys Spikes 302-429-0794	3	\$50,427
Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. 2217 St. Paul Street Baltimore, MD 21218	Joseph Coffey 410-243-4468	3	\$262,178
The Fair Housing Continuum, Inc. 840 N. Cocoa Blvd., Suite C Cocoa, FL 32922	Fairbanks Berry 407-633-4551	4	\$350,000
Fair Housing Council 835 W. Jefferson Street, Room 100 Louisville, KY 40202	Galen Martin 502-583-3247	4	\$349,997
H.O.P.E., Inc. 3000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 102 Miami, FL 33137	William Thompson 305-571-8522	4	\$350,000
Greater Birmingham Fair Housing Center 2000 1st Avenue North, Suite 529 Birmingham, AL 35203	Lila Hackett 205-324-0111	4	\$350,000
Central Alabama Fair Housing Center 207 Montgomery Street, Suite 725 Montgomery, AL 36104	Faith Cooper 334-263-4663	4	\$350,000
Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis 430 1 st Avenue North, Suite 300 Minneapolis, MN 55401	Jeremy Lane 612-334-5785	5	\$349,997
The Cuyahoga Plan of Ohio, Inc. 812 Huron Road The Caxton Building, Suite 750 Cleveland, OH 44115	Michael Roche 216-621-4525	5	\$350,000
North East Wisconsin Fair Housing Council, Inc. 911 N. Lynndale Drive, Ste 2A Appleton, WI 54914	Paul Zilles 920-734-9641	5	\$297,305
Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Cincinnati, Inc. 2400 Reading Road, Room 109	Karla Irvine	5	\$305,171

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Cincinnati, OH 45202	513-721-4663		
Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs 620 Lincoln Avenue Winnetka, IL 60093	Gail Schechter 847-501-5760	5	\$350,000
Louisiana Fair Housing Organization 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue New Orleans, LA 70117	Beulah Labostrie 504-943-0044	6	\$350,000
The Arkansas Fair Housing Council 901 Carpenter Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Dan Pless 870-245-3855	6	\$340,503
Metro. St. Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council 200 S. Hanley, Ste 613 St. Louis, MO 63105	Bronwen Zwirner 314-725-5900	7	\$349,604
Family Housing Advisory Services, Inc. 2416 Lake Street Omaha, NE 68111	Kevin Danler 402-444-6675	7	\$350,000
North Dakota Fair Housing Council, Inc. 533 Airport Road Bismarck, ND 58504	Lynda Johnson 701-221-2530	8	\$349,879
Housing For All, The Metro Denver Fair Housing Center 2855 Tremont Place, Suite 205 Denver, CO 80205	Eleanor Crow 303-443-4836	8	\$339,474
Truckee Meadows Fair Housing, Inc. P.O. Box 3935 Reno, NV 89505	Katherine Copeland 702-324-0990	9	\$350,000
Fair Housing Council of Fresno County 2014 Tulare Street, Ste 413 Fresno, CA 93721	Dinorah Olmos 209-498-6174	9	\$349,702
Inland Mediation Board 1005 Begonia Avenue Ontario, CA 91762	Betty Davidow 909-984-2254	9	\$306,541
Greater Nevada Fair Housing Council, Inc. 430 Jeanell Drive, Suite 2 Carson City, NV 89703	Marcia McCormick 702-883-0888	9	\$258,510
Southern Arizona Housing Center 1525 N. Oracle, #111 Tucson, AZ 85705	Richard Rhey 520-798-1568	9	\$349,710

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Fair Housing Council of Oregon 310 S.W. Fourth Avenue, Suite 430 Portland, OR 97204	Cynthia Ingebretson 503-223-8295	10	\$350,000
Fair Housing Center of Puget Sound 8815 South Tacoma Way, Suite 119 Lakewood, WA 98499	Lauren Walker 253-589-6955	10	\$350,000
Idaho Fair Housing Council 310 N. 5 th Boise, ID 83702	Richard Mabbutt 208-383-0695	10	\$349,780
FAIR HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS INITIATIVE - CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT			
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity P.O. Box 1603 Burlington, VT 5402	Robert Kiss 802-862-2771	1	\$181,665
Queens Legal Services Corporation 89-02 Sutphin Boulevard Jamaica, NY 11435	Arnold Cohen 718-657-8611	2	\$100,000
National Community Reinvestment Coalition 733 15th Street, NW, Suite 540 Washington, DC 20005	John Taylor 202-628-8866	3	\$200,000
Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington 1212 New York Avenue, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20005	David Berenbaum 202-289-5360	3	\$200,000
North Carolina Fair Housing Center P.O. Box 28958 224 S. Dawson Street Raleigh, NC 27611	Stella Adams 919-856-2166	4	\$200,000
Toledo Fair Housing Center 2116 Madison Avenue Toledo, OH 43624	Lisa Rice 419-243-6163	5	\$200,000
Kansas City Fair Housing Center 3033 Prospect Avenue Kansas City, MO 64128	Thomas Randolph 816-923-3247	7	\$ 69,609 *(partial funding)
Newsed Community Development Corp. 1029 Santa Fe Drive Denver, CO 80204	Veronica Barela 303-534-8342	8	\$198,726
FAIR HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS INITIATIVE - CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT (DISABILITY SET-ASIDE)			
Stavros Center for Independent Living 691 South East Street Amherst, MA 10002	James Kruidenier 413-256-0473	1	\$200,000
Monroe Co. Legal Assistance Corporation 80 St. Paul Street, Suite 700	Leanna Gibson Hart	2	\$182,274

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Rochester, NY 14604	716-325-2520		
Disability Rights Education Defense Fund 2212 Sixth Street Alton, IL 62002	Susan R. Henderson 510-644-2555	5	\$199,811
Albuquerque Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. 1720 Louisiana Blvd., N.E., Ste 204 Albuquerque, NM 87110	James Jackson 505-256-3100	6	\$199,635
Legal Aid of Western Missouri 1005 Grand Boulevard, Suite 600 Kansas City, MO 64106	Richard Halliburton 816-474-6750	7	\$169,780 *(partial funding)
Disability Law Center 455 East 400 South #410 Salt Lake City, UT 84111	Fraser Nelson 801-363-1347	8	\$200,000
Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. 310 North 5th P.O. Box 913 Boise, ID 83701	Ernesto Sanchez 208-336-8980	10	\$198,500

* Partial funding amounts reflect an amount less than applicant requested. If additional funds become available, award amount may be increased.

In FY 1997, the Department specifically set aside \$1.3 million from FHIP to help organizations to focus on disability rights. The set-aside further targets these funds to organizations run by and for persons with disabilities.